GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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ADAMS BRIDGE AS A TOURIST SPOT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of visitors to Adams Bridge has risen all of sudden;

(b) if so, whether it also includes foreign tourists;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to develop it as a tourist site;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the financial assistance provided by the Government during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a) and (b): Statistics regarding domestic and foreign tourist visits to Adams Bridge are not available.

(c), (d) and (e): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments/ UT Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance to States/ UTs for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority. During the years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (upto September), amounts of Rs.4264.62 lakh, Rs.1866.41 lakh, Rs.2831.80 lakh and Rs.1374.59 lakh respectively have been sanctioned for development of tourism in Tamil Nadu including Rameswaram.